

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 31**

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Adopted in Assembly April 26, 2007

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Adopted in Senate June 28, 2007

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of State this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, at \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Deputy Secretary of State*

## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 31—Relative to CHP Officer Ernest R. Felio.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 31, Berg. CHP Officer Ernest R. Felio Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 101 in Del Norte County as the CHP Officer Ernest R. Felio Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Ernest R. Felio was a Navy veteran and courageously served his country during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Ernest R. Felio joined the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and became an officer in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Officer Felio was happily married with four daughters. Officer Felio's passion was his family and equally important was his chosen career as a CHP officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Felio was the recipient of the State of California's highest award, the Medal of Valor. Officer Felio was personally credited with saving the life of a man who was the victim of electrocution as a result of a traffic collision involving high voltage electrical transmission lines. Officer Felio disregarded his own personal safety and rescued the badly injured motorist by removing the motorist from his electrically charged motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Felio's compassion for his fellow man was again demonstrated one evening while working his beat. Officer Felio observed a woman with three girls standing next to a road in an isolated portion of Del Norte Canyon. Out of compassion and fear for the family's safety, after learning the family had been victims of abuse and abandonment, Officer Felio transported the family out of the elements and to his home until relatives could be summoned; and

WHEREAS, On the evening of September 7, 1980, Officer Felio's life tragically ended in horrific violence on the side of a cold dark highway in Del Norte County. Officer Felio was shot and killed during the course of a routine traffic stop after making contact with the motorist on Westbrook Lane west of State Highway Route 101; and

WHEREAS, This was a tragic and horrific ending to the life of a great man; and

WHEREAS, Officer Felio fulfilled the CHP's Code of Honor in that he laid down his life rather than swerve from the path of duty. Officer Felio's conduct was, at all times, above reproach and projected an exemplary image of one of the finest CHP officers this state has to offer; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 101 in Del Norte County, between the E. M. Fine Memorial Bridge and the Oregon state line, as the CHP Officer Ernest R. Felio Memorial Highway; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing these special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

Attest:

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*Secretary of State*